

**Governor's Council on Innovation and Technology**  
**January 12, 2006**  
**Arizona State Capitol**  
**Executive Tower, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**1700 West Washington Street**  
**Phoenix, Arizona 85007**  
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**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

Co-Chair Michael Fong called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and asked for Council members to introduce themselves.

**Roll Call and Introductions**

**Members Present:**

Todd Bankofier, Chris Cumiskey, Douglas Davis, John Egan, Jonathan Fink, Michael Fong, Bob Hagen, Bill Hardin, Dick Hayslip, Jock Holliman, Gilbert Jiménez, Representative Debbie McCune Davis, Cory Miller, John Murphy, Steve Sanghi, Andrea Schlanger, Pat Stoner, Jeffrey Trent, Roy Vallee, Ed Zito

**Members Absent:**

Jack Braman, Carl Fox, Mark Fried, Ed Koopman, Senator Barbara Leff, Representative Tom O'Halleran, Richard Pieranunzi, Jim Strickland, Leslie Tolbert, Wendy Vittori, Quinn Williams

**Guests:** Michael Haener, Deputy Chief of Staff, Legislative Affairs; Darcy Renfro, Policy Advisor, Commerce/Tourism/Higher Education; Walter H. Plosila, Ph.D., Battelle Memorial Institute; Mary I. Vanis, Ed. D., Maricopa Community Colleges; Barbara Clark, Motorola

**Staff:** Sandra Watson

**Remarks from Governor's Office**

Co-Chair Michael Fong introduced Michael Haener, Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff of Legislative Affairs. Mr. Haener thanked the members for serving on the Council and gave a brief update on the Governor's legislative and budget initiatives for 2006.

**Presentation**

Walter H. Plosila, Ph.D. and Mary I. Vanis, Ed.D. gave a presentation on "Competing with Talent, High Technology Manufacturing's Future in Greater Phoenix." The vision for Maricopa Community Colleges and the Greater Phoenix region regarding high-tech manufacturing talent is to establish the Greater Phoenix region as a premier location for developing, maintaining and upgrading the technician talent base needed for manufacturing to remain globally competitive in such markets as semi-conductors, aerospace, defense electronics and instrumentation and related support industries by the year 2016.

The Battelle Memorial Institute's Technology Partnership Practice (Battelle) conducted the 11-month study focusing on five high-tech sectors: a) aerospace and defense; b) advanced materials; c) electronics and instruments; d) information and telecommunications services; and, e) semiconductors and computer hardware. This report outlines the study's key findings, highlights

the challenges and opportunities facing Maricopa Community Colleges (MCCCD) Center as the colleges move forward to fulfill the region's high-tech manufacturing workforce needs and provides a strategic action plan. The full scope of the study with more detailed findings can be found on the MCCCD web site: [www.maricopa.edu/workforce/hightech.php](http://www.maricopa.edu/workforce/hightech.php).

### **Progress Report**

Sandra Watson, Executive Director, gave an overview of the GCIT activity and an update of the 8 recommendations which came out of the last 3 years work of the Council. There has been the launching of the website, and the passing of the Angel Tax Credit bill which becomes effective July 1, 2006. Ms. Watson will be doing regular updates on a monthly basis to all council members.

Bob Hagen gave an update on the P-20 Council. The 5 key industries most likely to create jobs in Arizona are:

1. Construction
2. Tourism and Travel
3. Transportation and Logistics
4. Life/Bio Sciences
5. High Tech
  - a. Aerospace
  - b. Advanced Communications and IT
  - c. Sustainable Systems
  - d. Architecture and Engineering

Darcy Renfro provided a detailed update on one of Governor Napolitano's key budget initiatives for 2006 -- Innovation Arizona. If approved, Innovation AZ will create high-value jobs, increase research strengths, diversify our industrial base, and increase per capita income. The proposed program will provide a match for use-inspired research and development and is specifically designed to leverage funds, including federal research dollars. This program would also provide funds to attract top research talent in order to move AZ into the international forefront of research and development.

### **FY 2006 Workplan and Committee Structure**

Co-Chair Roy Vallee announced the following committees and chairs:

1. Jock Holliman – Innovation and Technology Funding
2. Pat Stoner – Competitiveness
3. Chris Cumiskey – Communications Infrastructure
4. Dick Hayslip – Marketing/Web development

### **Approval of Minutes**

Will be done at next meeting.

### **Next Council Meeting**

Wednesday, March 29, 2006, 1700 W. Washington Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference, Phoenix, Arizona.

### **Adjournment**

Co-Chair Roy Vallee thanked the Council for serving and adjourned the meeting at 5:50 p.m.